core **3** is determined by multiplying the difference between the first absorbent core length **81** and the second absorbent core length **83** times the function of the first absorbent core width **85** and the intermediate absorbent core width **89** of the absorbent core **3**.

Please amend page, 35, fourth paragraph, to read as follows:

Further, the entire surface area of the chassis **2** is determined by multiplying the first chassis length **71** times the function of the second chassis width **79** and the first chassis width **77**; and the entire surface area of the absorbent core **3** is determined by multiplying the first absorbent core length **81** times a function of the first absorbent core width **85**, the second absorbent core width **87** and the intermediate absorbent core width **89**.

Please amend page 37, last paragraph, to read as follows:

Specifically, where the ratio of the surface area **35** of the back one-half portion **105** of the absorbent core **3** to the corresponding surface area **45** of the back one-half portion **101** of the stretchable chassis **2** is 29%, the chassis has a mean strain of 13.1% at 500g, a mean strain of 27.5% at 1000g, and a mean strain of 37.8% at 1400g. Where the ratio of the surface area **35** of the back one-half portion **105** of the absorbent core **3** to the corresponding surface area **45** of the stretchable back one-half portion **101** of the chassis **2** is 16%, the chassis has a mean strain of 17.0% at 500g, a mean strain of 33.3% at 1000g, and a mean strain of 41.8% at 1400g. Where the ratio of the surface area **35** of the back one-half portion **105** of the absorbent core **3** to the surface area **45** of the stretchable back one-half portion **101** of the chassis **2** is 0%, the chassis has a